

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Bureau of Environment

Statement of Purpose

Governor Bredesen's Areas of Environmental Emphasis

Protecting and Improving our Land, Air and Water

Preserving Open Spaces and Enhancing Local Communities

Forging Public-Private Partnerships to Promote Natural Resource Stewardship

Bureau of Environment's Mission

**To safeguard human health and the environment for all Tennesseans
by protecting and improving the quality of our land, air and water
for present and future generations**

Bureau of Environment's Vision

To make Tennessee a national model of environmental stewardship

Bureau of Environment's Values

**We strive to serve the public in a timely, fair and consistent manner;
to solve problems through a scientific and evidence-based approach
that respects diverse opinions and provides opportunities for input;
and to support our people by creating a workplace
where employees can achieve their greatest potential.**

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